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Chief Executive Officer

June 19, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

11 July 3, 2012

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SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**APPROVE THE 2010 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE  
GRANT PROGRAM BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
(ALL DISTRICTS – 3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approve the 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program budget in the amount of \$1,874,044 for the County of Los Angeles.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Approve the 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program budget in the amount of \$1,874,044 to continue crime prevention and control programs in the County of Los Angeles (Attachment I).
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Office to execute, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, any contracts or actions necessary to amend, create, or extend any programs necessary to achieve the goals of the Justice Assistance Grant programs.

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### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The City of Los Angeles (City) and County of Los Angeles (County) agreed to allocate approximately 4 percent or \$148,458 of the total grant for administrative costs incurred by the City and then divide the remaining balance equally, with each receiving \$1,874,044.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The recommended actions support Countywide Strategic Plan Goal 3: Integrated Services Delivery - Maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The 2010 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) will fund programs for the County's Fiscal Years 2011-12 and 2012-13. JAG does not require a net County cost match.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

JAG was established by the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress in 2005 to aid states, tribes, and local governments in creating programs that prevent and control crime within their localities. It was created by merging the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program.

All JAG funded programs must submit yearly Performance Metrics reports and quarterly financial reports to the Chief Executive Office for processing and eventual reporting to the Department of Justice. Performance Metrics reports require detailed statistical information about each program as well as activities planned for the future. Financial reports require detailed itemized listings of expenditures.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the City to jointly accept funds from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2010 JAG Program was executed in February 2012. The MOU is required under grant guidelines.

**CONCLUSION**

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the continued funding of programs that reduce crime and increase public safety in our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. T. Fujioka', with a stylized flourish at the end.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
Chief Executive Officer

WTF:GM:SW  
DC:cc

Attachment

c: Sheriff  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Community and Senior Services  
Probation  
Public Defender  
Public Health

**Bureau of Justice Assistance Congressionally Mandated Awards  
2010 Justice Assistance Grant Budget Narrative  
County of Los Angeles  
Crime Reduction and Public Safety Improvement Initiative**

The County of Los Angeles has participated in the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) funded specialized crime reduction and public safety improvement programs since 1996, through the former Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program. The County plans to continue on a similar path under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) by preserving the programs previously funded under the LLEBG program.

**Goals and Objectives:**

The overall goal of the County's Crime Reduction and Public Safety Improvement Initiative is to reduce crime and improve public safety. Personal and community safety is recognized as being one of our most basic needs. The County has been working in a cooperative effort with various justice and law enforcement agencies to target street gangs with the use of search warrants, arrests, and the seizure of firearms and weapons. It is most important for perpetrators of violent gang crimes to be identified, arrested, prosecuted, and convicted in accordance with the law. This is done to protect the public from crime that can ruin the local economy, and have a negative impact on the quality of life for all persons.

Developing specific strategies that target and focus on vertical gang prosecution programs will suppress organized criminal gang behavior and control the impact of gangs on our community. Another component of the County's Initiative, is the management of probationers in order to prevent new crimes. The County's Probation Department administers a variety of services to heighten and promote public safety. County Probation Officers work in a collaborative manner with other law enforcement agencies to prevent and reduce criminal behavior by holding probationers accountable through case management, supervision, and monitoring. Public safety is enhanced when offenders are held accountable and redirected from delinquent and criminal behavior. Strategies to positively impact the behavior of probationers and at-risk youth through early intervention and suppression programs are a key element of Los Angeles County's Crime Reduction and Public Safety Improvement Initiative.

**Law Enforcement Programs:**

**SAGE – Strategies Against Gang Environments**

The Sage program abates street gang violence and narcotic related activities by utilizing civil injunctions and other procedures deemed appropriate by local law enforcement authorities. The program provides collaborative efforts among the Los Angeles County

District Attorney, Los Angeles County Sheriff and the City of Los Angeles Police Department to suppress gang activities in targeted areas.

The District Attorney's component of SAGE provides focused vertical prosecutions, tracks criminal proceedings of notorious gang members, and contributes expertise and local resources to facilitate the successful arrest and prosecution of gang members who commit serious and/or violent felonies. Assigned Deputy District Attorney staff assists in the coordination of probation and parole sweeps by providing guidance and training to local officers on legal search and seizure precedents applicable to the target group. The program also works to suppress and abate street gang activity, graffiti, vandalism, narcotic sales and use, and criminal nuisance properties and related problems that lead to the commission of violent and serious gang-related crimes.

#### Overtime for Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) – Region I

Funding will be provided to enhance unincorporated services in all Region I LASD area stations including: Altadena, Santa Clarita, Palmdale, Lancaster, Crescenta Valley, Temple and La Crescenta.

#### **Prosecution and Court Programs:**

##### Alternative Sentencing Program - Public Defender

The Alternative Sentencing Program enhances the adjudication process of cases involving violent offenders by utilizing paralegals to assist attorneys in securing information for preparation of the penalty phase in capital cases and alternative sentencing reports in cases where there is significant mitigating information to support alternative sentencing. This program presents the Court with a range of sentencing options which offer punishment, control, and accountability, frequently at less cost than jail or prison. This program can reduce unnecessary jail and prison use with a potential for a positive impact upon the management of overcrowded jail facilities.

##### Drug Court – Public Health

This program provides court-supervised monitoring and drug treatment for selected pre- and post-sentenced, misdemeanor and felony defendants. The drug court continuum allows for intervention at the onset of drug abuse as well as for more serious offenders to break the most costly cycle of addiction and incarceration.

##### Jail Overcrowding Reduction Program - Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee

The Jail Overcrowding Reduction Program will seek to reduce the overall cost of incarceration through the implementation of video arraignment. Video arraignment will result in reduced inmate transportation costs, increased security, a reduced number of jail personnel required when transporting inmates, reduced level of tension by all

participants, as a result of eliminating continual inmate movement and the excessive waiting in crowded holding cells and safer inmate interview environment minimizing direct inmate contact and in some cases eliminating inmate contact in its entirety.

### **Prevention and Education Programs:**

#### **Developing Increased Safety through Arms Reduction Management (D.I.S.A.R.M) – Probation**

The D.I.S.A.R.M (Developing Increased Safety through Arms Reduction Management) program was initiated by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich following the August 1999 shootings at the North Valley Jewish Community Center, the murder of a postal worker by an armed felon on probation from Washington State as well as identifying the need to: 1) provide community-based, street level enforcement of probation conditions; 2) combat criminal street gang violence and narcotic activities throughout Los Angeles County; and 3) build collaborations and partnerships with local criminal justice and community-based organizations.

The objectives of D.I.S.A.R.M are designed to align with the Department of Probation's mission to ensure public safety, and also with evidence-based practices, which suggest that extremely high risk offenders may be treatment resistant and need intensive supervision in the community. The D.I.S.A.R.M program entails pairing Deputy Probation Officers with local law enforcement personnel to perform unannounced searches of probationers, their homes, vehicles, and targets the confiscation of guns, drugs, and other illegal contraband.

#### **School Resource Deputy – Sheriff**

This program provides various prevention services targeting at-risk youth on a countywide basis. Funds are made available to support eligible programs of community interest and benefit aimed to reduce crime and improve public safety. Los Angeles County assigns staff from law enforcement departments and/or contracts with community-based organizations to provide various prevention services targeting youth at-risk for gang membership.

#### **School-Based Supervision Program - Probation**

The School-Based Supervision Program increases school attendance, competencies and performance, and provides access to skills and resources needed by parents to effectively parent their children. This multi-phase program involves the placement of Deputy Probation Officers to high schools and middle schools to assess the strengths and needs of at-risk youth in the program. Based on those assessments, case planning exercises will be conducted, and the youth will be entered into one or many intervention treatment programs.

### Gang Reduction and Community Engagement (GRACE) Project

The GRACE Project is a collaborative effort between Toberman Neighborhood Center and the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations to bring intervention efforts to the Harbor Gateway community. The GRACE Project is working to reduce inter-ethnic tension that leads to violence; reduce gang violence and prevent retaliation violence; expand older teen and young adult resources at local parks and community service agencies; increase public safety; expand prevention and positive youth development resources, and coordinate county services with the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Public Social Services, Department of Mental Health for high risk youth and families.

### Youth Activities League (YAL) - Sheriff

YAL provides supervised recreational and educational activities and reaches economically and socially disadvantaged boys and girls from the age of 8 to 18. The YAL strengthens the relationship between Sheriff's deputies and volunteers as they work together for the benefit of the at-risk youth.

### Florence Firestone Gang Interventionists

Funding will allow for the hiring of two experienced Gang Interventionists to work with local gang members in determining the cause of gang violence in the Florence Firestone community in order to prevent retaliatory shootings and future gang-related violence.

### Peace Over Violence

Peace Over Violence is a non-profit, multi-cultural organization whose mission is to build healthy relationships, families and communities free from sexual, domestic and interpersonal violence. Peace Over Violence operates educational, prevention and crisis intervention programs that provide services to over 25,000 individuals annually across all socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds.

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Various Equipment for DISARM - Probation

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring	
Other:	\$0
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$80,500
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$80,500</b>



PROSECUTION AND COURT PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program:     Alternative Sentencing Program

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring	\$0
Other: Paralegals	\$208,000
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$208,000</b>

PROSECUTION AND COURT PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Drug Court

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring	\$0
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Professional Services	\$324,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$324,000</b>

PROSECUTION AND COURT PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Jail Overcrowding Reduction Program

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring	\$0
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Information Technology	\$42,044
Information Technology Subtotal	\$42,044
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$42,044</b>

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: School Resource Deputy Program

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring	\$0
Other: Sworn Officers	\$50,000
Personnel Subtotal	\$50,000
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: School-Based Supervision Program

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring	\$0
Other: Sworn Officers	\$260,000
Personnel Subtotal	\$260,000
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$260,000</b>

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program:     Gang Reduction and Community Engagement (GRACE) Project

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring	
Other: Staff	\$260,000
Personnel Subtotal	\$260,000
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$260,000</b>

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Youth Activities League (YAL)

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring	
Other: Sworn Officers	\$70,000
Personnel Subtotal	\$70,000
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Overtime Region I - Sheriff

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring	
Other: Overtime	\$59,500
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$59,500</b>



PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Florence Firestone Gang Interventionists

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring	
Other: Two Gang Interventionists	\$150,000
Personnel Subtotal	\$150,000
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Peace Over Violence

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring	
Other: Counselors	\$55,000
Personnel Subtotal	\$55,000
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other: counseling and education and training programs	\$55,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Strategies Against Gang Environments (SAGE)

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring	
Other: Attorneys, Sworn Officers	\$260,000
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$260,000</b>